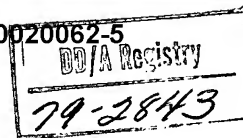


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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

 25X1 FROM :
 Director of Communications
SUBJECT : Request for Legal Position ☐

REFERENCE : OGC 76-4708 dated 26 August 1976

1. The subject of VIP private residences receiving government-funded telephone service was discussed during a 17 July Federal Secure Telephone System (FSTS) meeting which was attended by an OC representative. ☐

2. Mr. Ron Nervitt, Director of Data Communications Systems Division, Automated Data and Telecommunications Services, General Services Administration (ADTS/GSA), stated that the United States Code 31 USC 679 prohibits the installation of any government-funded telephone service into a private residence. The two exceptions that have been granted are for Forest Rangers and the Fire Marshal of Hawaii. Mr. Nervitt further stated that the GSA is working with the Justice Department to get the Code changed or to obtain an exemption to permit STU-I's and STU-II's to be installed in VIP private residences. ☐

3. The Office of Communications currently provides government-funded black line and secure STU-I telephone service to the residences of certain Agency officials. ☐

4. The reference expresses an OGC opinion regarding the authority to use official funds to pay for telephone service in private residences. It does not indicate the legality of private telephone lines and Agency extensions in the private residences. ☐

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5. The Office of Communications requests a legal position from the Office of General Counsel regarding the installation of government-funded private line telephone service in the residences of Agency officials. ☐

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